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Empowering people in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka

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IDRF Mission

*Breaking the cycle of poverty in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka
by empowering marginalized people through skills, services and infrastructure
grounded in sustainable development*

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Message from IDRF President

Dear Friends,

Namaste! I would like to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to help the underprivileged through IDRF in 2019. Your sustained philanthropy and trust in IDRF's passion for development helped us raise \$2.03 million and improve the lives of tens of thousands of underserved in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. As always we have maintained extremely low overhead costs of 6% and 94% of your donations went to trustworthy and vetted partner NGOs.



This report profiles some of our key achievements and success stories that were made possible only by your kindness and generosity. We have continued to support various sustainable development programs in the field of education for poor children, healthcare services, women's empowerment and skill development, eco-friendly development, good governance at the grassroots level, and relief and rehabilitation to disaster victims.

Over the past several months, we are facing an unprecedented situation and the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our way of life, and our communities. As we adapt to the new circumstances, we are continuing to serve the marginalized in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. During exceptional emergencies in the USA, we have also partnered with local organizations to help those in distress like we did after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. IDRF has now joined hands with the trusted Indian-American organizations and community in the National Capital Region to help the families hit hardest by the pandemic.

During these challenging times, we need your help more than ever, as our hard-working and dedicated NGO-partners in India are trying to continue or modify their programs to serve the needy. I hope you will continue your support for our ongoing programs as well as the new projects we will be undertaking to provide relief to the less fortunate.

Thank you and stay safe and well!

Dr. Vinod Prakash

IDRF has earned top ratings from around the industry

IDRF's ACCREDITATIONS
Platinum Seal of Transparency from Guidestar
Top-rated charity with 5 star rating by GreatNonProfits.org
4 out of 4 stars from Charity Navigator for last 7 years



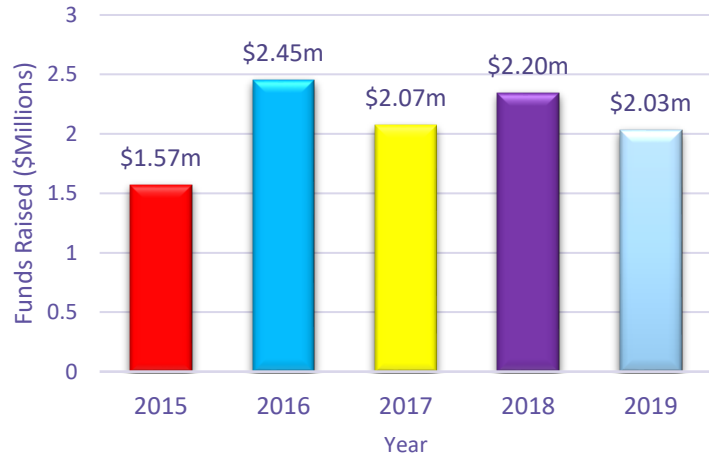
Fundraising and Grant Distribution: 2019

Our Program Sites



YOU helped us raise \$2.03 million in 2019

Funds Raised (US\$Millions): 2015 - 2019

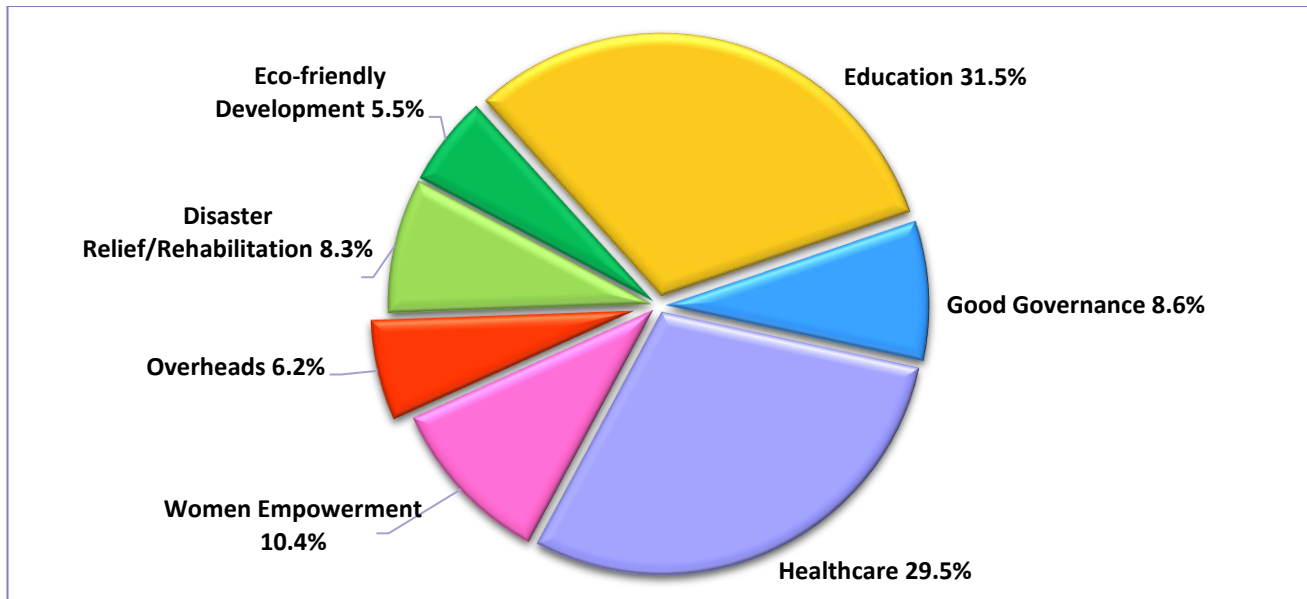


Development Programs



Disaster Relief/Rehab Programs

Distribution of Program Expenses



**We know you expect IDRF to use your funds wisely.
At IDRF, we are committed to fulfilling your trust by maximizing the funds raised for our programs!**

Auditors: Desai & Shah, PC, CPAs, Maryland

NGO Partners by Focus Areas and Locations: 2019

Total Grants Disbursed in 2019= \$1.49 million

 Health		\$468,950	 Education		\$501,125
Partner NGO	Project Location		Partner NGO	Project Location	
Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram	Across Tribal India		Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram	Across Tribal India	
Manasa Devi Charitable Trust	Andhra Pradesh		Shiksha Bharti	Across Tribal India	
Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra	Arunachal & Assam		Upkar Foundation	Across USA	
Blind People's Association	Gujarat		The Circle of Goodwill	Andhra Pradesh	
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan	Maharashtra		Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra	Kerala	
Public Health Concern Trust	Nepal		Swami Vivekanand Education Pratishthan	Maharashtra	
Sri Sathya Sai Trust	Odisha		The Akshaya Patra Foundation	Odisha	
Sahaj Sewa Sansthan	Telangana		S M Sehgal Foundation	Rajasthan	
Sri Ram Grameen Kshetra Vikas Samit	Uttar Pradesh		Vimukti Sanstha	Rajasthan	
Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama	Uttarakhand		Swami Keshwanand Smriti Charitable Trust	Rajasthan	
Yogoda Satsang Society	West Bengal		Bodh Shiksha Samiti	Rajasthan	
			Nayantara Memorial Charitable trust	Rajasthan & W. Bengal	
			Surabi Charitable Trust	Tamil Nadu	
			Auroville Unity Fund	Tamil Nadu	
			Sri Aurobindo Educational Academy and Society	Telangana	
			RASTA	Uttar Pradesh	
			Vidya Bharati	Uttar Pradesh	
			Computer Shiksha	Uttar Pradesh	
			Pardada Pradadi Education Society	Uttar Pradesh	
			Sri Ram Gram Vikas Samiti	Uttar Pradesh	
			Economic Rural Development Society	West Bengal	
			Vikahar Paribar Bikash Kendra	West Bengal	
 Women's Empowerment		\$165,650			
Partner NGO	Project Location				
Shiksha Bharti	Across Tribal India				
Lila Poonawalla Foundation	Maharashtra				
Jnana Prabodhini	Maharashtra				
Maharashtra Girls' Education Society	Maharashtra				
Swa-Roopwardhinee	Maharashtra				
Vatsalya Trust Mumbai	Maharashtra				
Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation	Sri Lanka				
 Good Governance		\$136,875	 Disaster Relief/Rehab		\$132,270
Partner NGO	Project Location		Partner NGO	Project Location	
Janaagraha Center for Citizenship & Democracy	Across Urban India		Manav Seva Sansthan 'SEVA'	Bihar & Kerala	
Arpana Research and Charities Trust	Haryana		Sri Sathya Sai Trust	Odisha	
Jananeethi	Kerala		Economic Rural Development Society	Odisha & W. Bengal	
Youth for Social Development	Odisha				
Center For Advocacy and Research	Rajasthan				
S M Sehgal Foundation	Rajasthan				
Manav Seva Sansthan 'SEVA'	Uttar Pradesh				
			 Ecofriendly Development		\$88,262
			Partner NGO	Project Location	
			Samerth Charitable Trust	Chattisgarh	
			Aai Janhit Bahu-uddeshiya Sevabhavi Sanstha	Maharashtra	
			Sri Sathya Sai Trust	Odisha	
			Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society	Tamil Nadu	

IN 2019 WE WORKED WITH 46 NGOs IN 16 INDIAN STATES and 1 EACH IN NEPAL, SRI LANKA and the USA

Our NGO Partners over the last 5-years

Year	Total NGOs	Indian States	Nepal	Sri Lanka	USA
2018	44	18	1	1	1
2017	48	17	1	1	1
2016	41	15	1	1	1
2015	41	14	1	-	1
2014	38	16	1	-	1

Mission and Strategy in Action-I

Our Development Program Strategy: Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation



Relief Kits to Uttar Pradesh flood victims

IDRF started its disaster relief and rehabilitation programs in 1991 by sending grants to help the victims of the Uttarkashi earthquake and landslides. Since then IDRF has been sending relief and rehabilitating the communities in the aftermath of various natural disasters and national emergencies.

The calamities devastate communities already living in poverty and IDRF's strategy has been to turn the disasters into opportunities for new sustainable development programs. Rather than just focusing on transitional relief, we use up to 20% of funds-raised for providing prompt relief and the majority of the funds for the long-term rehabilitation of those adversely affected.

As of 2019, IDRF has sent grants worth \$6.34 million for various disaster relief and rehabilitation programs.

IDRF has helped several poor communities through small projects like installing hand-pumps, providing mobile stalls, goods, livestock, saplings, tools, and equipment, etc. to restore their livelihood. IDRF has also constructed bigger projects like schools, orphanages, widow-homes, health centers, water infrastructure, and roads, etc. in the affected areas.

During exceptional emergencies in the USA, we partner with local organizations to help those in distress like fundraising for the families of first responders in New York after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. We have now joined hands with the Indian-American organizations in the Washington DC metro area to help the families hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Orphanage and Widow Home for Gujarat Earthquake victims

Click to watch videos on IDRF's relief and rehabilitation programs:
[Indian Ocean Tsunami \(2004\)](#), [Gujarat earthquake \(2001\)](#), and [Odisha Supercyclone \(1999\)](#)

Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Programs (1991 to 2019)

Total grants sent= \$6.34 million

	Disasters	Year	Grant Amount (USD)
1	Uttarkashi Earthquake and Landslides, Uttarakhand	1991	\$25,000
2	Latur Earthquake, Maharashtra	1993	\$303,000
3	Andhra Pradesh Cyclone	1997	\$28,500
4	Kargil War	1999	\$312,941
5	Odisha Supercyclone	1999	\$620,075
6	Bengal and Bihar Floods	2000	\$26,160
7	Rajasthan Drought	2000	\$23,000
8	Gujarat Earthquake	2001	\$3,040,459
9	9/11 Terrorist Attacks, USA	2001	\$10,000
10	Indian Ocean Tsunami	2004	\$1,141,500
11	Surat Floods, Gujarat	2006	\$20,000
12	Bihar Floods	2009	\$30,000
13	Karnataka Floods	2010	\$13,500
14	Uttarakhand Floods and Landslides	2013	\$98,000
15	Jammu and Kashmir Floods	2014	\$48,000
16	Chennai Floods, Tamil Nadu	2015	\$85,500
17	Nepal Earthquakes	2015	\$107,000
18	Siachen Glacier Avalanche, Jammu and Kashmir	2016	\$7,500
19	Floods: Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and W. Bengal	2017	\$100,900
20	Kerala and Gujarat Floods	2018	\$54,000
21	Bulbul Cyclone, W.Bengal and Fani Cyclone, Odisha	2019	\$33,490
22	Bihar Floods and Kerala Floods and Landslides	2019	\$98,780

“My family is extremely thankful to IDRF for saving us from starvation and helping us start over again!” says Urmilla Barman of Badnagra village.



Urmilla and her husband earn their living as daily laborers. During a cyclonic storm in 2017, the roof of her house was blown away and a wall collapsed killing the livestock used to supplement her family's meager income. IDRF and partner Economic Rural Development Society (ERDS) helped rebuild her house and also provided livestock.

IDRF and partner- ERDS helped reconstruct and repair houses and provided livestock to 69 families in 9 villages devastated by the storm in West Bengal

IDRF's Mission and Strategy in Action-II

Our Journey with Manav Seva Sansthan "SEVA"



IDRF has been working with SEVA since 2013 to ensure the upliftment of the poor in Uttarakhand, eastern Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. We have collaborated for the development of socially disadvantaged communities, addressing health issues, providing sustainable livelihood for the marginalized, and relief and rehabilitation to victims of disasters.



Our partnership started in response to the floods and landslides in Uttarakhand when IDRF helped provide 25-duplex **transitional shelters** to more than 300 displaced people. After the Nepal earthquakes in 2015, IDRF once again supported SEVA and provided **relief kits** to 160 families.

In 2016-2017, IDRF helped SEVA in developing a **sustainable community-based model to manage** the deadly **Japanese Encephalitis virus** in 93 villages of eastern Uttar Pradesh, benefitting 32,000 children. Since 2017, IDRF has supported SEVA in providing **relief kits, kitchen appliances, household items, basic health services, repairs, and rebuilding of houses** for victims affected by floods in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Kerala. SEVA has always worked closely with the state governments, to maximize the number of disaster victims helped.

At present, IDRF is supporting a project (2018-2021) to bring about **social empowerment** and **livelihood support** to over 9,000 members of the backward Musahar community in 20 villages of eastern Uttar Pradesh. Members are being trained in micro-entrepreneurship, vocational and agro-based skills, provided basic health services, informal education, and helped in building linkages with government, etc.



Highlights of 2019

1. Education and Skill Development

Computer Literacy and Digital Skills for the Children of Underserved Communities, 15 states of India Partner: Computer Shiksha

In 2018, IDRF started this program to provide free computer literacy classes to children attending low budget private schools. The schools are provided refurbished computers, course content, self-learning videos, teachers' training and hardware, and software support.

Computer Shiksha has provided 99,378 underserved children in 518 schools in 15 states with free computer literacy classes.



Modern Education to Poor Children in Rural Areas, Uttar Pradesh Partner: Vidhya Bharati Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Sansthan



Since 2018, IDRF is funding the expansion of the building of SKKS Saraswati Vidya Mandir, a school in rural Ghaziabad. This school provides affordable modern education to children from poor families.

IDRF is helping 417 poor rural students through the expansion of school building by adding: laboratories, play areas, music, dance and other activity rooms.

2. Healthcare Services

Medical Center with Outpatient Department and Pathology-Laboratory Services, Assam Partner: Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari

With IDRF's support, our partner-NGO has opened a medical center in 2019 at Tinsukia. The center is working towards creating awareness among the villagers to reduce the spread of infectious and water-borne diseases.

"Project Poshan"

Fighting Malnourishment and Anemia

IDRF is supporting another project (2018-2020) in 10 tribal villages of Arunachal Pradesh.

600 malnourished children (2-6 years) are provided one healthy and balanced meal per day

100 anemic women are provided iron, folic acid and vitamin supplements.



The medical center provides OPD and Path-lab services at an affordable cost to poor patients

Old Age Home and Eye Hospital for the Poor and Needy, Andhra Pradesh Partner: Mansadevi Charitable Trust



IDRF supports an old age home near Machilipatnam, that provides free shelter, food, and clothing to the needy. IDRF also supports an eye-hospital with highly sophisticated equipment. Free eye camps, checkups, treatments, surgeries, and post-operative care are also provided to the poor patients.

40 spacious rooms with attached bathrooms for 100 elderly men and women

Donor Testimonial

IDRF has been helping many grassroots charitable activities in India. Unlike other organizations they do not have any other motive other than service which is truly a rare quality on today's charitable space.

-Paneendra K.

3. Women Empowerment

Scholarships to Meritorious but Economically Disadvantaged Young Women, Maharashtra Partner: Lila Poonawalla Foundation

IDRF has been providing scholarships since 2009 for higher education to young women who are academically outstanding but lack financial resources. The LILA Fellows are also provided training and mentoring in essential professional skills to make them industry-ready.

Since 1996, LPF has awarded
24,150 Merit-cum-Need based
scholarships to 9,350 women.



Education and Bright Future for Underprivileged Tribal Young Women, Uttar Pradesh Partner: Shiksha Bharati

Education is making young tribal women financially independent and helping their families rise above the circle of poverty and lead a life of dignity!



IDRF provides free education, board, and lodging to underprivileged tribal girls from North-east India. An IDRF-supported dormitory that can accommodate 100 students is attached to a higher secondary school. At present 88 girls are residing here.

Since 2005, 69 girls have completed schooling
20 have completed their college education
25 are pursuing higher education through IDRF's support

IDRF-Hostel Girl Selected for the International Youth Exchange Program

Tsewang Skidon (IDRF-Hostel girl) was selected for travelling overseas in the **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM through National Cadet Corps (NCC)** in the summer of 2020. She is one of the 20 cadets from all over India that were selected for the student exchange program.

4. Eco-Friendly Development

Rain Water Harvesting and Ground Water Management, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh Partner: Samerth Charitable Trust

IDRF has helped provide safe and sustainable water resources for the poor communities in water-scarce parts of Gujarat. The water bodies are now filled with water, and agricultural productivity has increased. Many families don't need to migrate seasonally.

IDRF's Rainwater Harvesting Program in tribal villages of Chhattisgarh has supported the construction and renewal of water reservoirs. This has enhanced the villagers' access to safe drinking water, personal hygiene, and irrigation needs.



"We women and children are saved from the daily drudgery of collecting water for our families from the distant sources", says Laxmiben

Gujarat (Kutch district) 29,000 beneficiaries in 15 villages

27 ponds and 2 wells (Roof Rain Water Harvesting Structures)

Chhattisgarh (Kawardha district) 4,000 beneficiaries in 11 villages

5 ponds, 6 earthen check dams, 2 Roof Rain Water Harvesting Structures and 2 springs

Village Ponds' Desilting to Collect Water through Rainwater Harvesting, Tamil Nadu Partner: Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society

In 2019, IDRF started this project to desilt ponds to provide water for household use. The ponds were choked with silt and weed and water was unsuitable for human consumption. The villagers volunteered enthusiastically in the desilting process and during the monsoons, the rainwater has started collecting in these ponds. The water is filtered and boiled by the villagers before consumption.



25,000 villagers get safe water collected through Rainwater Harvesting in 4 desilted-ponds

5. Good Governance

Participatory Planning in Village Governance by Women and Differently-abled People, Haryana Partner: Arpana Research and Charities Trust

This IDRF project (2017-2020) has enhanced the participation of rural women and differently-abled people in discussion and decision-making at the 'Gram Sabha' meetings in Karnal district.

12,000 members of 980 IDRF-supported Self Help Groups (SHG) in 100 villages identify village problems and plan community actions to solve the issues.



Durga Vahini

The 'Vehicle of Goddess Durga' in action!

A SHG formed in village *Nagla Megha* mobilized the women to launch a sanitation drive to remove solid waste posing a health hazard in several parts of the village. The local panchayat was approached for assistance and the equipment provided by them led to the successful completion of the drive!

Improving Maternal and Child Health Care Services through Citizen Engagement, Odisha Partners: Partnership for Transparency (USA) and Youth for Social Development (India)

IDRF started the first phase (2019-21) of the project intending to improve the access and quality of maternal and child healthcare services through social accountability tools and engagement between service providers and beneficiaries for better resource management and local decision making.



120,000 beneficiaries in 10 Gram Panchayats will see a decrease in Maternal Mortality and Infant Mortality Rates.

6. Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation

Relief and Rehabilitation of the Victims of Tropical Cyclone Fani, Odisha Partners: Sri Sathya Sai Trust and HOPE Foundation

The widespread destruction from Cyclone Fani in May 2019, affected millions of people. IDRF sent relief to the victims through Satya Sai Trust and supported rehabilitation work through HOPE Foundation and Economic Rural Development Society.

Food Distribution to 1,000 beneficiaries
Safe and Clean Drinking Water to 5,000 beneficiaries through Reverse Osmosis (RO) and Fluoride Free water plant installed
Repairs and Rebuilding of IDRF-constructed School Building: new computers, school supplies, water-pump, sewage pipes, etc.
Livelihood through Micro-credit to 50 families, 400+ fruit- tree saplings and vegetable seeds
Environmental protection: Planting and maintenance of 39,000 trees



Relief and Rehabilitation of the Flood Victims, Bihar and Kerala Partner: Manav Seva Sansthan 'SEVA'



Heavy monsoon rains caused widespread floods and devastation in Bihar and Kerala. IDRF provided immediate relief to the victims and rehabilitated those whose means of livelihood are small scale agricultural activities.

In Wayanad, Kerala, IDRF supported the **repairs and rebuilding** of 10 houses and provided basic furniture.

Relief and Rehabilitation in Bihar

150 families received food and hygiene Relief Kits

5 Health Camps provided 1,125 villagers with free checkups and medicines

75 hand pumps in 12 villages repaired and chlorinated to provide safe drinking water

150 families received high-quality seeds of high-yielding crops like wheat and potatoes, etc.

150 families received quilts, water-filters, solar-powered emergency lights and mosquito nets, etc.

Project Site Visits by Board Members, Donors, and Volunteers

Vijay and Bharati Mallampati (Donors and Volunteers) visit Dharma Vana Arboretum, Telangana

During their trip to India, Vijay and Bharati visited the arboretum working on conserving endangered plants and developing the largest botanical garden in the country. IDRf has funded part construction of its infrastructure and facilities.

“We were received warmly by the staff at the Cherlapally-based administrative office and given a tour of their laboratory where they are working on preserving the tropical plants, monitoring their progress and maintaining the database”, says Vijay Mallampati, New Jersey.



Virginie de Smet (Intern) visits Samerth Charitable Trust, Gujarat

Virginie, a University of Michigan student did a research internship at Samerth’s water management project sites across Rapar. With IDRf’s support, Samerth has rainwater conservation structures across 97 villages to help the communities suffering from water shortage.

“No longer will villagers need to travel kilometers to find water when the pond dries out too soon, no longer will the village have to depend on others for basic resources, no longer will families be plagued with worry for lacking something as crucial to daily life as water”, says Virginie de Smet



Special Mention: Board Members

Dr. G.R. Verma visits Maharshi Dayanand Mahila Shikshan Sansthan Samiti, Rajasthan

Dr. Verma, a renowned philanthropist, established this college in Jhunjhunu in 1982 to provide education and technical opportunities for girls in the various fields of sciences. Dr. Verma visits the college annually to keep in touch with its progress and functioning.

Mohinder Gulati visits Samerth Charitable Trust, Gujarat

Mr. Gulati met the officials from Samerth to discuss the Water Security project which has been supported by IDRf since 2014.

Special Events



IDRF Food Drive Maryland and Virginia

IDRF volunteers organized a drive to provide food and personal hygiene items to Mobile Hope Loudoun in Virginia and Manna Food Center in Maryland. Siri Kompalli and Rajesh Gooty brought together adults, youth and children who raised \$2,500 worth of food and personal hygiene items to Mobile Hope and 460 pounds of food items to Manna Food Center on behalf of IDRF.

Young Leaders in Community Service

"Prayas" Charlotte

A group of young philanthropists in North Carolina called "Prayas" has been raising funds for the past two years for IDRF's development programs. The group raises funds in Charlotte by auctioning off the tickets for various events like Bollywood dance parties, drama workshops, cricket training camps, and financial investment classes, etc. In order to maximize the impact of the donors' money, they also try to raise funds through the corporate matching gift programs.

A collage of three promotional posters for Prayas events. The top poster is for a food drive, featuring a close-up of a bowl of food and the text "Introducing... Scrumptious and Savory Undhiyo \$100 Half tray Up to 4 orders only". The bottom-left poster is for a cricket training camp, featuring a cricket ball and the text "Sign up for a Cricket Training Camp for kids... and your contributions will be donated to support Mahamandir Baba Amte Seva Sanstha in Shirgonda, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra for well being of tribal children from the local villages. For additional information contact Samir Pawar at 704.607-8509". The bottom-right poster is for a Bollywood dance party, featuring a silhouette of a person dancing and the text "BID FOR A... BOLLYWOOD DANCE PARTY MARCH 30 \$25/PER PERSON ...and support a good cause! प्रयास For additional information, Contact Nilima Naik 704-743-7726".

Donor Testimonials

IDRF has such great work for so many people and we truly love helping them in any way possible. Their dedication to helping communities makes us proud to help out. Not only are they such a great nonprofit organization, but they communicate and build a relationship with their donors, volunteers, or anyone in general.

-Milan Patel (President, Indian Student Alliance, University of Iowa)

I have known India Development and Relief Fund for the past 20 years. They have been supporting projects run by Seva Bharathi and other grassroot NGOs in India with minimal overhead expenses. Beneficiaries of these projects are the most needy people in slums, rural and tribal areas.

-Raghu Verabelli

[Read more testimonials at GreatNonProfits](#)

Future Projects

IDRF expands its development programs in different geographical areas each year and tries to help and empower the underserved people there. However, it is only with the support and commitment of our donors that we can continue the ongoing projects and undertake new ones. Some of these projects are as follows:

Stay Connected. Ignite Social Entrepreneurship Unicorns, All over India

IDRF has partnered with **Action for India (AFI)** to scale excellent Social Entrepreneurs (SEs) to become Social Unicorns. The SEs will be nurtured over 5 years into a company that can rightfully be called world-class in the impact space. AFI intends to help create 25 such companies as a core mission over the next 5 years, and as a by-product, impact positively 100 other SEs in their journey to provide succor to India's underserved Bottom of the Pyramid. Funding by IDRF will be used by AFI primarily towards Social Entrepreneurship Advisory Services activities, namely formalizing its SE network, formalizing the mentor network, building an SE portal, and working towards getting funding and projects for the SEs. The project will cost \$50,000 per year.

Municipal Strengthening and Finance and Citizen Engagement, Odisha

IDRF has partnered with **Janaagraha Center for Citizenship & Democracy**, the Odisha government and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (principal financier) for a 3-year period to implement a process for strengthening two cities by focusing on improving municipal finances, staffing/capacities and citizen engagement. IDRF's funds will be used to implement the process for participatory planning and budgeting which would involve capacity building and grooming of civic leaders in the community, prioritizing budget works based on micro-strategies at the slum levels and developing a performance management system between civic authorities and citizens through the use of technology (**I Change My City App**) to fix civic issues. The first year of project contribution for IDRF will be \$50,000.

Village Ponds' Desilting to Collect Water through Rainwater Harvesting, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu

After the success of IDRF's project to desilt village ponds in Tamil Nadu to provide safe water for household consumption, we are continuing the desilting of four more ponds in the state, in partnership with **Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society**. IDRF is also expanding the project to desilt and revive ponds in the water-deficit villages of Gujarat in partnership with **Samerth Charitable Trust**. Over the years, ponds become choked with silt and weed and water becomes unsuitable for human consumption. The desilting process involves the digging up of the debris to allow these ponds to collect rainwater that can be used by the villagers. It will cost about \$2,500 to \$4,000 to desilt one pond and each pond will benefit about 5,000 to 10,000 people.

Distribution of Coconut Seedlings in Cyclone Fani affected areas of Puri District, Odisha

As part of our strategy to help the victims of the disaster to start over again, IDRF has partnered with **Voluntary Agency for Social Action** and **Odisha International Center, Bhubaneswar** to provide 100,000 coconut seedlings over next few years to poor people adversely affected by the cyclone. About two to five seedlings will be provided to each family at a nominal price of INR. 20 (26 cents) per seedling. Under favorable conditions, these palm trees will start to yield coconuts in five to seven years for the next 40 years and help supplement the family income. The cost of the project is \$25,000 per year.

IDRF TEAM

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IDRF in News

“\$36.25m raised for humanitarian causes- Visual impairment is no handicap for this full-time volunteer”, by J.V. Lakshmana Rao, India Tribune, January 11, 2019, page 4.

NGO Testimonial

IDRF has immensely supported in uplifting the lives of over 100 women in marginalized segments of Kandy District in Sri Lanka. This assistance enables to improve women's empowerment in three villages by providing capacity building followed by start-up capital for their selected livelihood activities....More women are now engaged in livelihood activities along with a significant increase of contribution to the family income and a resultant enhanced recognition in the household. They can now take independent decisions in the family affairs too.

-Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (SLCDF)



Donor Testimonial

My personal experience with IDRF has been very pleasant. They support many noble, humanitarian projects. Dr. Vinod Prakash enrolled my organization, Mata Balak, as soon as I submitted the necessary papers. Now I can easily send donation to this organization and funds usually reach within a few weeks.

-Shubhangi Thakur, New Jersey



LET'S GET INVOLVED!

IDRF Overheads are ONLY 6% and 94 cents /\$1 go directly to the beneficiary NGO!

DONATE TO IDRF and CHANGE LIVES!

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Please make your **CHECK** payable to: **IDRF** and mail to
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5821 Mossrock Drive
North Bethesda, MD 20852
(Please include your email address for the receipt)

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Gogates' dream of giving-back to their motherland came true through IDRF's donor-advised program!

Prema and Anil Gogate are highly successful and respected members of the Indian-American community in California. They have always had a strong desire to give-back to their motherland and came to know about IDRF's donor-advised program which made their dream of giving back to the needy a reality!

The Gogates send funds through IDRF to help the Maharashtra Girls' Education Society, Huzurpaga, Pune towards the construction of a ladies' hostel on their campus. The new hostel building has 96 furnished dormitory rooms and is named 'Srimati Nirmala Laxman Vaidya', in honor of the mother of Prem Gogate.

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